



OPDX Bulletin 1372 July 16, 2018

The Ohio/Penn Dx PacketCluster
DX Bulletin No. 1372
BID: \$OPDX.1372
July 16, 2018
Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW
Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio)
Sent/Written in Strongsville, OH

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, AB5K & the AR TelNet Clusters Network, NJ1Q & W1AW, NG3K & ADXO, W3UR & The Daily DX, K5GS, K8GI, K8YSE, W8GEX & 60m DX News, DL1SBF, DL7UXG & The DX News Letter, DxCoffee.com, DXNews.com, DX-World.Net, ES1CW, F5NQL, F6AJA & Les Nouvelles DX, GM3WOJ, I1JQJ/IK1ADH & 425 DX News, I2MQP & DX Italia News, OH2BH, OZ6OM & 50 MHz DX News, PA0RRS, PA1AW, Sixitalia Weekly and VA3RJ & ICPO for the following DX information.

*** SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR. Sorry for the small content this week.
Grandkids are in town and they are top priority this week.....
Thanks for understanding.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 6th/July, through Friday, 13th/July there were 201 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9X, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XF4, XU, XW, XZ, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3DA0, KINGDOM OF ESWATINI (Press Release by K5GS)[edited]. 3DA0AO eSwatini by Pista, HA5AO -- Pista HA5AO will arrive eSwatini (Swaziland) on September

14th, late afternoon. He plans to operate during his free time between September 16-28th, from the Mountain Inn Resort at Mbabane. He received the 3DA0AO license and an LotW certificate.

Pista will operate 80-10 meters using a Hustler 6 BTV vertical antenna with 17 and 12 meter add-on elements, CW, RTTY and FT8. He is bringing an Elecraft K3 with the KPA 500 amplifier. Logsearch will be available on HA5AO.com. His plans include testing a new feature of the PDXG QSL Management Platform, the uploading of QSOs in real time.

While in-country he will travel to rural areas visiting villages, schools and orphanages to deliver school supplies to orphaned children. He is interested in making a long term donation agreement to pay school fees for several orphaned children.

Pista is paying all expenses from personal funds. However he would appreciate donations through his website. Any donations received will be used only for humanitarian purposes.

You may see Pista's previous humanitarian projects at HA5AO.com

4S, SRI LANKA. Dariusz, SP9DLM, will be active as 4S7DMG from Kalkudah (WW Loc. NJ07SW), Sri Lanka (AS-003) between August 6-14th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

A2, BOTSWANA (Postponed). Andre, NJ0F, who was expected to be active as A25A from Lotsane Lodge, Tuli Block, between July 13-20th, has postponed his operation. No reason was provided.

B1-7, CHINA. The Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC) is conducting the HQ stations across the country (all in ITU zone 44) during the 2018 IARU HF Championship (July 14-15th). Look for the following HQ stations to be used, and all are QSLed via BA4EG:

160m SSB	B4HQ	Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu (PM01JV)
160m CW	B1HQ	Beijing
80m SSB	B3HQ	Tianjin
80m CW	B4HQ	Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu (PM01JV)
40m SSB	B3HQ	Baoding, Hebei
40m CW	B4HQ	Jinan, Shandong
20m SSB	B7HQ	Loudi, Hunan (OL57XU)
20m CW	B1HQ	Beijing
15m SSB	B5HQ	Wenzhou, Zhejiang
15 CW	B6HQ	Zhenzhou, Henan
10m SSB	B2HQ	Dalian, Liaoning (PM19BM)
10 CW	B7HQ	Qingyuan, Guangdong

Special certificates are/will be available for working multiple BxHQ stations.

CR2X AZORES AND OH0X ALAND ISLANDS (Press Release by OH2BH, dated July 12th). While OH2BH, OH2MM, OH8NC are tonight at WRTC opening ceremony in Wittenberg, Germany, tomorrow, Saturday, noon they would fly out of Germany to join OH7EA in Aland Islands and activate OH0X multiplier as a subject of the multiplier hunt by the WRTC teams and the others in the IARU 2018. Additionally they will put a rare IARU zone and mult, CR2X on remotely from Azores. The mothership of OH8X will be activated by Olli, OH0XX, from far North. This is just to salute the contesting community whether in Germany or at their homes in this historical year of the WRTC 2018.

GET YOUR PARK ON! Dave, VA3RJ, National Coordinator for VEFF - Canada, is announcing "GET YOUR PARK ON!" A new North America WWFF Park Event. Three WWFF countries have joined together for "Get Your Park ON!", a North America WWFF parks event that coincides with Earth Science Week activities around the globe.

Purpose: Get as many parks as possible in Canada, USA and Mexico on the air from Oct. 14-20th, 2018, and Hunters throughout the world calling to log as many QSOs as possible with those parks during the event.

- All Activators are expected to submit their logs to their assigned person (may vary by country) for upload to the WWFF system.
- Credit for all Hunters and Activators will accrue as normal WWFF QSOs.
- Special Awards will soon be announced for Get Your Park ON!

Join the Get Your Park ON! Facebook Group at: <http://getyourparkon.com/> to stay current with details and announcements about this exciting new event. Everybody Get Your Park ON! and get into the log.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-008. Takeshi "TAKE", JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/1 from Shikine Island (North Izu Island) between 0600z, July 25th and 2300z, July 30th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, PSK31, FT8 and JT65A. QSL via JI3DST (see QRZ.com for details). ADDED NOTE: In case of heavy rain or other conditions, the operation condition may vary.

AS-015. Rich, PA0RRS, is once again active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island January 2nd and February 15th, 2019. Activity will probably be on 40-10 meters using CW, RTTY, PSK, FT8 and possibly SSB (he will have a microphone in the luggage, but normally no SSB [possible on request]). Rich will have a Yaesu FT450D with 100 watt into a G5RV dipole with bents on the balcony of the house and a MFJ automatic intelli-tuner for all bands. QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL.

EU-008. Members of the Cockenzie & Port Seton Amateur Radio Club will once again activate GM2T from the Isle of Tiree (IOSA NH04, SCOTIA DI10, WLOTA 2232, WAB NM04), the most westernly part of Scotland's Inner Hebridean Islands, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/2-TX/Island-DXpedition entry. Operators mentioned are: 2M0ISY, Brian/G3UJE, Cambell/MM0DXC, Bob/GM4UYZ, Robin/MM0VTV, Geoff/MM5AHO, Brian/M0RNR, John/MM0JXI, Steve/MM0GZA, Cephas/MM0INS, Al/MM0XAB, MW/MM3NQT, Ellis/GM4GZW and Lon/WA6AEE. QSL via GM4UYZ direct or eQSL and LoTW. ADDED NOTES: Activity depends if the CalMac ferries are operating. For more info, see: <http://www.cpsarc.com>

AS-078. Taka, JA8COE, will be active from Hokkaido Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Fixed-Island entry. QSL via JA8COE.

- EU-010. Look for GM7V to be active from the Island of Benbecula in the Outer Hebrides during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition/Mixed-Mode/24-Hrs/High-Power entry. Operators mentioned are John/MM0CCC, Gordon/MM0GPZ, Chris/GM3WOJ, Tom/GM4FDM and Keith/GM4YXI. Please QSL via Steve, N3SL.
- EU-011. Ian, G3WVG, will be active as MX5A from St. Mary's Isles of Scilly during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog.
- EU-052. Branislav, OM2FY, will be active as SV8/OM2FY from Kefalonia Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Island-DXpedition/CW-Mode/QRP-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.
- EU-057. Andreas, DL1KZA, and friends will be active as DK3R from Ruegen Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as Multi-Single entry. QSL via DL1KZA.
- EU-120. Edwin, G3SQX, will be active as G7O from Isle of Wight during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/12-Hrs entry. QSL via G3SQX.
- EU-136. Janez, S53V, will once again be active as 9A8CV from Krk Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via eQSL only.
- EU-170. Radovan, OM2ZZ, will be active as 9A/OM2ZZ from Vir Island, Croatia, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Island-DXpedition/CW-Mode/Fixed/24-Hrs/Low-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.
- NA-142. Operators Fred/WX4US, Terry/KK4WTW, Tom/N9UY and Phillip/K4LO will be active as W4UC from Santa Rosa Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/Single-TX/Island-DXpedition/Low-Power entry. QSL via W4UC direct.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. It was announced: The Baker Island team will upload a "clean log" and turn on ClubLog's OQRS at 0000 UTC on July 16th. "All people submitting donations prior to this time will receive an automatic LoTW upload without further action".

KH2, GUAM. Howard, WQ6B, will be active as KH2/WQ6B from Guam between

July 20-24th. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB and FT8.
QSL via WQ6B, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

P4, ARUBA. Rick, N1DC, will be active as P4/N1DC from Aruba (SA-036)
between July 14-26th. Activity will be QRP on 40-10 meters using CW,
SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

PA6, THE NETHERLANDS. Look for PA6HQ to be active during the IARU Champion-
ship Contest (July 14-15th). It has already become a good tradition and
this year PA6HQ will also bring the VERON multiplier during the annual
IARU HF Championship Contest. PA6HQ 2018 is activated from the PA3FQA,
PA6Y, PB7Z, PH0AS, PI4COM, PI4D and PI4VPO stations. In short, there is
a lot of activity spread throughout the country. This is a good occasion
to obtain the PA6HQ Award. More info see: <https://pa6hq.veron.nl/pa6hq-2018>
QSL PA6HQ via PA3CAL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 16-22nd).....

Jul/16th AN	Jul/19th AN	Jul/21st AN
Jul/17th AN	Jul/20th HN	Jul/22nd HN
Jul/18th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
-----	-----	-----	-----
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual
(REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPE and CW/SSB for
Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of
benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets
and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre-
dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a
new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry"
which operates very similarly to the POLSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/hf/>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Renner, PY7RP, is now active as PY0F/PY7RP
from Fernando de Noronha Island (SA-003) until July 16th. Activity
will be on 160-6 meters. He will also be in the IARU HF Contest. QSL
via his home callsign, direct or OQRS.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF [July 13th]

3Z18FWC via 3Z18FWC (L) EO1030UA via US8UA (d/L) LZ/UY2UQ via UY2UQ
4O/ON5JE/P via ON5JE FP/KV1J via KV1J & (L) LZ115RF via LZ1YE
5P1O via OZ1LIT HB9/GM0GAV/P via GM0GAV OE/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
5P6PI via OZ6PI HF100P via SP7ZHP OH2/IK3GES via IK3GES
5P9R via OZ5XN (L/e) HL2/F4AAR/P via 6K2EJJ (B) OH6/IK3GES via IK3GES
5Z4/AK0SK via AK0SK & (L) IU3BZW via 9A5URI(B) & IZ3KVD (d) R400N via RV9V
CO8CY via KP4SX (d/L) J32FIFA via J32FIFA (O/L) SN6J via SP6FHU
CS2018FWC via CT1REP JW/ES4BG via ES4BG SP300PAF via SP5PSL
CU5/CU3AK/P via CU3AK JW/ES5HTA via ES5HTA SV2/YU1CA/P via YU1CA
DL/E21EIC via E21EIC JW/ES5JR via ES5JR SV9/S5500 via S5500 & (L)
DM125FS via DL8UER K8VOX/VE3 via K8VOX (d) TM100ARM via F5IQG (d)
EA8/F4HHL via F5KKD LX18FIFA via (LX-B) W1/OH2BKX via OH2BKX
EA8/F4HHL via F5KKD LX5IGRY via LX1ER (d/L) YU18FWC via YU1SRS & (L)
ED8RY via EA8AKN LZ/K1LZ via LZ1JZ ZB2RAF via G8FC (d)
EI/W2RE via W2RE (L) LZ/LU1FAM via LU1FAM (O/L) ZF9DX via K0DEQ

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://clublog.org/logsearch/Z68M>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4Z70IARC, A75GE, A92AA, A92GR, KG4WH and TE6DX

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B7A (AF-015), 3C0W (AF-039), FO5QS and GU8FBO

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

TO6, MAYOTTE. Members of the Czech DXpedition team (CDXP) will be active as TO6OK from Mayotte (AF-027) between September 20th and October 6th. Operators mentioned are Petr/OK1BOA, Petr/OK1FCJ, Pavel/OK1GK, Ruda/OK2ZA, Ludek/OK2ZC, Karel/OK2ZI and David/OK6DJ. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Focus will be on low bands. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.cdpx.cz>

VK9, NORFOLK ISLAND. Operators Takao/JO7GVC and Hirokazu/JK7LXU will be active as VK9/homecall from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between October 9-14th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, FT8 and PSK. They will use a FT-891 w/100w into a CrankIR vertical. QSL VK9/JO7GVC via JO7GVC and VK9/JK7LXU via JK7LXU.



TO BE ADDED TO THE OPDX MAILING LIST -- Click or send requests to:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org?subject=help

Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org?subject=subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org?subject=unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

NOW ON TWITTER: https://twitter.com/kb8nw_opdx

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB PAGES AT:

<http://www.nodxa.org/>
<http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation>



Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 receive credit.

To contribute DX info, please send via InterNet Mail to:

kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org

- OR -

kb8nw@hotmail.com

- OR -

kb8nw@arrl.net

**Information can now be faxed to the following phone line at:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)**



-  [Back to the OPDX Index](#)
-  [Back to the NODXA](#)
-  [Back to the EIDX Network](#)